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Intended for parents of handicapped children, the booklet provides information on agencies serving the handicapped child. The address and telephone numbers are given for agencies providing general services and agencies focusing on the following handicapping conditions: mental retardation, learning disability/brain injury, emotional disturbance, visual impairment, hearing impairment, and physical disability/medical condition. Information is also provided on child advocacy groups and sources of financial assistance, with particular emphasis on state and local agencies in Pennsylvania. (SBH)

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Where to Turn

A Directory of Agencies That Serve Handicapped Children

There are many different agencies and organizations which have been established to provide services to you and your handicapped child. These agencies offer a wide range of services, including diagnostic evaluation, counseling, recreation, legal aid, and referrals to other sources of help.

Of course, in order to know where to turn for the help you are seeking, you need a directory of those agencies that have indicated a willingness to respond to your needs. This booklet provides this information, listing agencies by name, address, and telephone number. Agencies are grouped together according to the type of handicapping condition they serve, and a brief description of the services they offer is included so that you can contact the organizations you feel will be most helpful. Many of the agencies listed have local chapters in Pennsylvania.

An asterisk (*) preceding the title of the agency indicates that the local chapters are listed. These lists may be found at the end of each section.

Remember that all of the agencies in this directory are willing and able to serve you and your handicapped child. You should not hesitate to contact any of them to find out more about what they can do for you.

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General Services for Handicapped Children

The following agencies offer various types of assistance to handicapped children and their families. Many provide direct service, and others can refer you to the appropriate source of services or information.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Big Brothers of America
220 Suburban Station Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
(215) 567-2748

Through its national volunteer programs, this organization provides adult male companionship for boys, aged 6 to 18, from fatherless homes. Big Brothers of America has more than 300 member agencies in most major cities.

Boy Scouts of America
Scouting for Handicapped Division
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902
(201) 249-6000

Boy Scouts of America provides information and guidelines for organizing scout troops for the mentally and physically handicapped. The B.S.A. Education Relationships Service will furnish free literature on request.

The Center on Human Policy
216 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210

The Center on Human Policy is an advocacy organization for people with special needs. The Human Policy Press publishes and distributes information concerning the needs and rights of the handicapped.

Child Study Association of America
50 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010
(212) 889-3450

This agency operates a variety of programs in family life education and publishes information for parents, children, and those who work with children.

Children's Defense Fund
Washington Research Project, Inc.
1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 483-1470

This national, non-profit organization provides long-range and systematic legal advocacy for children, especially in the areas of right to education, health care, and the juvenile justice system.

The Children's Foundation
1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 296-4451

This organization deals with the problems of hunger and malnutrition in children. Its efforts are focused on programs at national, state, and local levels, especially for institutionalized children, migrant and Indian children, and families of the working poor.

Closer Look
The National Information Center for the Handicapped
P. O. Box 1492
Washington, D. C. 20013

Closer Look is a national information center set up to assist parents in locating appropriate educational programs and special services for their handicapped child. Its information packet outlines practical, step-by-step procedures for dealing with various disabilities, and includes a list of special education personnel to contact at state boards of education.

Committee for the Handicapped
People-to-People Program
1028 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 223-4450

The Committee was established in 1956 to promote closer understanding and cooperation, worldwide, among the disabled. To this end, it acts as liaison and information center of services for the handicapped.

Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children
407 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 939-3513

The Council is a non-profit coalition of parents and professional groups, whose purpose is to improve services to all handicapped children. It offers information and referral services to parents; assists them in obtaining diagnostic, therapeutic, and educational services; conducts Parent-Helper workshops; and publishes a variety of booklets and guides.

Family Service Association of America
44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010
(212) 674-6100

F.S.A.A., through its member agencies, provides counseling, family life education, and advocacy services. It also has specialized service units which work with exceptional children.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
Scouting for Handicapped Girls Program
830 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 751-6900

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. offers opportunities for handicapped girls to participate in the regular scouting program. Activities are adapted to suit the abilities and limitations of individual girls.

National Center for Child Advocacy
Office of Child Development
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
P. O. Box 1182
Washington, D. C. 20013
(202) 755-7747

Office of Child Development
Region III – DHEW
Box 13716
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101
(215) 596-6763

Literature available from the Center includes booklets on prenatal care and on children from infancy through adolescence. The Center also offers publications that deal with handicapping conditions. Many booklets are available in Spanish.

The National Center for Law and the Handicapped, Inc.
1235 North Eddy Street
South Bend, Indiana 46617
(219) 288-4751

N.C.L.H. was established to insure equal protection under the law for all handicapped persons through programs of legal assistance, research activities, public education, and professional awareness. Its publications, dealing with the legal and social rights of the handicapped, are free on request.

National Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services, Inc.
67 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003
(212) 674-4990

This organization provides homemaking services to families in times of illness, disability, and other difficulties. Services are furnished through community agencies on a sliding-fee scale.

Parent Network
1211 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) MI 9-9292

This volunteer organization is comprised of parents of handicapped children who assist and support others who have a newly-diagnosed handicapped child. Parent Network cooperates with professional service agencies and makes referrals to these agencies. It also conducts community programs designed to educate the public to the needs of the handicapped.

***Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Regional and county offices of B.V.R. provide vocational training and job-placement assistance for disabled persons in Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania Mental Health-Mental Retardation**

County offices of MH-MR can direct parents to their local Base Service Unit. MH-MR responsibilities include evaluation, counseling, foster care, interim care, and emergency services for handicapped children and their families.

Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation

Local Offices

	Counties Served
ALLENTOWN – 18102 1411 Union Boulevard P. O. Box 2648 (215) 821-6441	Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton
ALTOONA – 16601 1101 Green Avenue (814) 944-7181	Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon, Centre, Fulton
DU BOIS – 15801 Deposit National Bank Building (814) 371-7340	Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean
ERIE – 16508 670 West 36th Street (814) 964-4071	Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, Warren
HARRISBURG – 17104 136 Kline Village 25th & Market Streets (717) 787-5397	Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry
JOHNSTOWN – 15901 241 Franklin Street (814) 496-7374	Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, Westmoreland
NEW CASTLE – 16101 100 Margaret Street P. O. Box 349 (412) 658-3541, Ext. 241	Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence
PHILADELPHIA – 19107 4th Floor, Philadelphia Garment Center 801 Arch Street (215) 238-7250	Philadelphia
PITTSBURGH – 15222 Pittsburgh State Office Building 300 Liberty Avenue (412) 565-2118	Allegheny
READING – 19601 533 Penn Street (215) 378-4370	Berks, Schuylkill
ROSEMONT – 19010 1062 Lancaster Avenue (215) 525-1810	Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery
WASHINGTON – 15301 75 East Maiden Street (412) 228-1800	Fayette, Greene, Washington
WILKES BARRE – 18703 13 East South Street P. O. Box 1105 (717) 825-7511, Ext. 400	Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming
WILLIAMSPORT – 17701 734 West Fourth Street (717) 326-2681	Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union
YORK – 17402 2550 Kingston Road Kingston Center (717) 757-4821	Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, York

Pennsylvania Mental Health – Mental Retardation

Local Offices

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Bucks County
Neshaminy Manor Center
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901
(215) 343-2800

Chester County
Darlington Bldg–West Chester Plaza
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19280
(215) 692-4254

Delaware County
280 North Providence Road
Media, Pennsylvania 19063
(215) 565-4300

Montgomery County
Montgomery County Court House
Swede & Airy Streets
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404
(215) 279-6880

City of Philadelphia
1405 Locust Street
Second Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
(215) 686-5140

NORTHEASTERN REGION

Berks County
Berks County Court House
Sixth and Court Streets
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
(215) 375-6121

Bradford County
120 South Elmer Avenue
Sayre, Pennsylvania 18840
(717) 888-7729

Lackawanna County
Lackawanna County Office Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
(717) 346-5741

Lehigh County
Americus Hotel – 8th Floor
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101
(215) 434-9471, Ext. 254

Luzerne County
90 East Union Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
(717) 822-2158

Monroe County
804 Sarah Street
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360
(717) 421-2110

Northampton County
2640 Schoenersville Road
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017
(215) 865-0944

Schuylkill County
420 North Centre Street, Rm. 6
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901
(717) 622-0475

CENTRAL REGION

Blair County
Blair County Court House
Annex No. 2
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648
(814) 695-7514

Cambria County
722 East William Penn Highway
Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931
(814) 472-6422

Centre County
Temple Court Building
116 South Allegheny Street
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
(814) 355-4759

Cumberland County
19 South Hanover Street
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
(717) 249-1119

Dauphin County
2-4 N. Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 236-5076

Franklin County
67 North Main Street
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201
(717) 264-5387

Lancaster County
37 North Duke Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602
(717) 299-0483

Lebanon County
206 Municipal Building
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042
(717) 273-3764

Lycoming County
Lycoming County Court House
48 West Third Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
(717) 323-9811

Mifflin County
400 Highland Avenue
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044
(717) 242-0351

Montour County
Montour County Court House
105 Northumberland Street
Danville, Pennsylvania 17821
(717) 275-4962

Northumberland County
225 Market Street
Third Floor
Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801
(717) 286-0779

Somerset County
515 Somerset Avenue
Rockwood, Pennsylvania 15557
(814) 926-4636

York County
52 South Duke Street
York, Pennsylvania 17401
(717) 845-2718

WESTERN REGION

Allegheny County
901 Allegheny Building
429 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
(412) 355-4280

Armstrong County
310 Market Street
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201
(412) 548-1661

Beaver County
752 Turnpike Street
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009
(412) 774-0720

Butler County
300 South Washington Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
(412) 287-0785

Clearfield County
Administrative Services Building
102 Hospital Avenue, P. O. Box 20
Du Bois, Pennsylvania 15801
(814) 371-8362

Crawford County
361 Chestnut Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
(814) 335-6219

Erie County
204 Medical Arts Building
225 West 25th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16502
(814) 455-9001

Fayette County
107 E. Main Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401
(412) 438-8564

Lawrence County
107 South Mercer Street
New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101
(412) 658-2538

McKean County
Three Pennzoil United Building
54 Boylston Street
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701

Mercer County
Room 310
One East State Street
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
(412) 981-4555

Venango County
Room 11
Seneca Building
107 Center Street
Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301
(814) 676-6566

Washington County
210 Global Building
150 Beau Street
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
(412) 228-4700

Westmoreland County
12 East Otterman Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
(412) 834-2191

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Services for Children With Specific Handicapping Conditions

MENTAL RETARDATION

The following agencies offer assistance to mentally retarded children and their families.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Association for the Help of Retarded Children
200 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10003
(212) 254-8203

A.H.R.C. operates a diagnostic clinic for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Its services include evaluation, family counseling and referral, community education, residential placement, and vocational training.

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
1701 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006
(202) 331-1731

The Foundation funds research, treatment, and education in the field of mental retardation. It created and sponsors the Special Olympics, a sports and recreation program for retarded children.

The National Association for Retarded Citizens
2709 Avenue E., East
Arlington, Texas 76011
(817) 261-4961

This voluntary organization works to improve the welfare of all retarded persons by funding services to individuals and their families; improving institutional and community-based care; insuring legal rights; and improving educational and employment opportunities. N.A.R.C. operates at national and regional levels, and also has local units throughout the country.

***Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens**
1500 North Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102
(717) 234-2621

P.A.R.C. is a member unit of the National Association for Retarded Citizens, with 58 local chapters throughout the state. Its purpose is to safeguard the rights and serve the welfare of the mentally retarded. Local chapters offer a variety of direct services, including parent groups, developmental and educational services, sheltered workshop and vocational training programs, and child advocacy programs.

Parents of Down's Syndrome Children
c/o Mrs. Marilyn Trainer
11507 Yates Street
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

This is a small, informal organization whose purpose is to help new parents adjust to their child's handicap. A parent information kit is available.

President's Committee on Mental Retardation
7th and D Streets, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20201
(202) 245-7634

The P.C.M.R.'s major responsibility is to advise and assist the President on all matters pertaining to mental retardation. The Committee's principal responsibilities include the screening of young children, early intervention programs, and securing the legal rights of the retarded. Annual reports of the Committee to the President are available.

Retarded Infants Services, Inc.
386 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 889-5464

R.I.S. provides general information about retardation, as well as referral, family counseling, home aids, and foster care services for families of retarded children.

Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens

Local Offices

Allegheny Chapter PARC
1001 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233
(412) 322-6008

Armstrong Chapter PARC
Box 524
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201
(412) 548-8555

Beaver Chapter PARC
1445 Market Street
Bridgewater, Pennsylvania 15009
(412) 775-1602

Bedford Chapter PARC
226 East Street
Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522
(814) 623-9541

Berks Chapter PARC
2201 Reading Avenue
West Lawn, Pennsylvania 19609
(215) 678-0770

Blair Chapter PARC
1221 15th Street, Office #3
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602
(814) 946-1274

Bradford Chapter PARC
711 Desmont Street
Athens, Pennsylvania 18810
(717) 888-7413

Butler Chapter PARC
100 North Washington Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
(412) 282-1500

Cambria Chapter PARC
651 Linden Avenue
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905
(814) 536-6611

Cameron Chapter PARC
135 W. 4th Street
Emporium, Pennsylvania 15834
(814) 486-0933

Carbon Chapter PARC
13th & Lehigh Streets
Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania 18229
(717) 325-4225

Centre Chapter PARC
215 W. Fairmount Avenue
State College, Pennsylvania 16801
(814) 238-1444

Chester Chapter PARC
20 N. High Street
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380
(215) 436-6740

Clarion Chapter PARC
R. D. #2
Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214
(814) 226-7579

Clearfield Chapter PARC
310 Clearfield
Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830
(814) 765-8720

Clinton Chapter PARC
210 First Street
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania 17745
(717) 748-6481

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Columbia Chapter PARC
645 E. 4th Street
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815
(717) 389-2606

Crawford Chapter PARC
Box 628, Masonic Building, Rm. 9
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
(814) 724-7346

Cumberland/Perry Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 386, 100 W. Louther Street
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
(717) 249-2611

Dauphin Chapter PARC
4335 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
(717) 234-7013

Delaware Chapter PARC
147 S. Lansdowne Avenue
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050
(215) 622-2220

Elk Chapter PARC
Johnsonburg Road
St. Mary's, Pennsylvania 15857
(814) 834-3610

Erie Chapter PARC
1140 E. Lake Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507
(814) 452-4865

Fayette Chapter PARC
66 Lebanon Avenue
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401
(814) 438-9042

Franklin Chapter PARC
Chambersburg Trust Co. Bldg., Rm. 554
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201
(717) 264-4390

Greene Chapter PARC
Box 290
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania 15370
(412) 627-5511

Huntingdon Chapter PARC
408 S. Division Street
Mt. Union, Pennsylvania 17066
(814) 542-4600

Indiana Chapter PARC
R. D. #5, Box 238
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701
(412) 465-8348

Jefferson Chapter PARC
Box 51
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania 15767

Juniata Chapter PARC
Cross Street
Mifflintown, Pennsylvania 17059

Lackawanna Chapter PARC
475 Morgan Highway
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508
(717) 346-4010

Lancaster Chapter PARC
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
(717) 394-5251

Lawrence Chapter PARC
503 N. Jefferson Street
New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101
(412) 654-4283

Lehigh Chapter PARC
604 N. 8th Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102
(215) 434-8076

Luzerne Chapter PARC
63 N. Franklin Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
(717) 824-7682

Lycoming Chapter PARC
1536 Catherine Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
(717) 323-8647

McKean Chapter PARC
800 Minard Run
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701
(814) 362-4861

Mercer Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 1108
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
(412) 981-2950

Mifflin Chapter PARC
R. D. #2, Box 125
McVeytown, Pennsylvania 17051
(717) 248-4911, Ext. 287

Monroe Chapter PARC
Box 126
Cresco, Pennsylvania 18326
(717) 595-7397

Montgomery Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 497
109 E. Main Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401
(215) 272-0314

Montour Chapter PARC
5 "C" Street
Danville, Pennsylvania 17821

Northumberland Chapter PARC
West End National Bank Building
2nd & Walnut Streets
Shamokin, Pennsylvania 17872
(717) 648-2871

Philadelphia Chapter PARC
1211 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 567-3750

Pike Chapter PARC
Brae House, Pear Alley
Milford, Pennsylvania 18337
(717) 296-8417

Potter Chapter PARC
607 Ross Street
Coudersport, Pennsylvania 16195

Schuylkill Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 36
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901
(717) 622-5611

Somerset Chapter PARC
Work Activity Center
918 S. Park Avenue
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501

Snyder/Union Chapter PARC
R. D. #2
Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania 17844
(717) 966-1804

Venango Chapter PARC
24 hour HOTLINE
(814) 676-0223

Warren Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 244
211 Market Street
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365
(814) 723-8531

Washington Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 385
Meadowlands, Pennsylvania 15347
(412) 222-6960

Wayne Chapter PARC
1225 Main Street
Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431
(717) 253-4082

Westmoreland Chapter PARC
32 W. 3rd Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
(412) 837-8159

Wyoming Chapter PARC
P. O. Box 338
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

York Chapter PARC
240 E. Haymeadow Drive
York, Pennsylvania 17402
(717) 764-2852

LEARNING DISABILITY/ BRAIN INJURY

The following agencies offer assistance to learning disabled/brain injured children and their families.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

ACTION for Brain-Injured Children
Osceola, Wisconsin 54020

This organization is a clearinghouse of information about brain injury. Services include a monthly information bulletin, a directory of diagnostic and treatment services, and workshops for parents and professional groups.

***Association for Children with Learning Disabilities**
5225 Grace Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236
(412) 881-1191

A.C.L.D. is a national organization of parents, teachers, and concerned citizens that works to develop research programming and supportive services for learning disabled children. It operates information and referral services through its local chapters across the country.

Association for Children with Learning Disabilities

Regional Offices

Pennsylvania Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
Box 664
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18105
(215) 435-9386

Local Offices

Allegheny
Robert L. Patterson, Jr., President
2558 Inter-Liken Court
Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090

Berks
Virginia O'Brien, President
2128 Highland Avenue
Mount Penn, Pennsylvania 19606

Blair
Marilyn Goldberg, President
3511 Fort Roberdeau Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602

Bucks
Mrs. Robert Collins, President
520 Countess Drive
Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067

Butler
Marion Gustafson, President
329 Lakewood Drive
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

Chester
Harriet McCardell, President
1117 New Street Road
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Delaware Valley
Fred Sass, President
6318 Lawnton Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19126

Erie
Dr. Richard Gacka, Co-President
Northwest Tri County School District
252 Waterford Street
Edinboro, Pennsylvania 16412

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Erie, Pennsylvania 16509

Franklin
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Johnstown
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Lehigh Valley
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Lewistown
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Mercer
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959 Bruce Street
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Westmoreland
Eleanor Gallimore, President
Harrison Road
Harrison City, Pennsylvania 15636

York
R. Joseph McMullen, President
Box 3335
York, Pennsylvania 17404

EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE

The following agencies offer assistance to emotionally disturbed children and their families.

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***National Society for Autistic Children**
169 Tampa Avenue
Albany, New York 12208
(518) 489-7375

This organization, comprised of parents, professionals, and interested laymen, works to promote education, research, and legislation on behalf of children with severe behavioral disorders. N.S.A.C. operates an information and referral service, as well as a publications section.

***The National Association for Mental Health, Inc.**
1800 North Kent Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209
(703) 528-6405

This citizens' voluntary organization works to promote mental health and better understanding of mental illness. It is an advocacy group for improved legislation, research, and services for mental illness. It also publishes and distributes literature and is a primary source of information on the prevention and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

National Society for Autistic Children

Local Offices

National Society for Autistic Children
738 Greenleaf Drive
Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146
(412) 372-1443

National Society for Autistic Children
122 Barbour Street
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701
(814) 362-2198

The National Association for Mental Health Inc.

Regional Offices

Pennsylvania Mental Health, Inc.
1207 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 568-1495

219 Pine Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 236-9363

525 Jenkins Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 391-5140

Local Offices

United Mental Health, Inc.
4026 Jenkins Arcade Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 391-3820

Beaver County MH Society
1445 Market Street, W.B.
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009
(412) 775-4165

Berks County MHA
225 S. 13th Street
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
(215) 376-3905

Bucks County MH Society
P. O. Box 13
Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047
(215) 757-5952

MHA of Butler County
127 E. Wayne Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
(412) 287-1965

Crawford County MHA, Inc.
P. O. Box 285
953 S. Main Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
(814) 336-5444

MHA of Fayette County, Inc.
5 Ray Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401
(412) 438-6518

MHA of Franklin County
15 N. Second Street
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201
(717) 264-5410

Lackawanna MHA
202 Chamber of Commerce Building
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
(717) 342-7762

Lancaster County MHA
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
(717) 397-7461

Lebanon County MHA
22 S. 8th Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042
(717) 273-5781

Lehigh Valley MHA, Inc.
36 North Fifth Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101
(215) 433-2531

Luzerne County MHA
Kirby Health Center
71 N. Franklin Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
(717) 822-7097

MHA of Mercer County
300 W State Street
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
(412) 347-1303

Mifflin-Juniata County MHA
628 Washington Avenue
Mifflintown, Pennsylvania 17059
(717) 436-2997

MHA of Southeastern Pennsylvania
1207 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 568-3833

Tri-County MHA
219 Pine Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 233-0893

Washington County MHA
58 E. Cherry Avenue
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
(412) 225-2061

Westmoreland County MHA
247 S. Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
(412) 834-6351

York County MHA
800 E. King Street
York, Pennsylvania 17403
(717) 843-6973

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

The following agencies offer assistance to visually impaired children and their families.

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American Association of Ophthalmology
1100 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 833-3447

This is a national clearinghouse of information on eye care and visual disorders.

American Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
15 W. 16th Street
New York, New York 10011
(212) 924-0420

The Foundation publishes Braille, large-type, and recorded books, and manufactures aids and appliances for use by blind persons. Through its regional offices, it assists local direct service agencies in developing programs and improving services to the blind.

American Printing House for the Blind
P. O. Box 6085
Louisville, Kentucky 40266
(502) 895-2405

A.P.H.B. is the largest publisher of literature, teaching aids, and textbooks for the blind. Catalogues of its publications are furnished on request. The Instructional Materials Reference Center maintains current files of educational resources for blind and visually impaired learners.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 925-3213

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
4724 Baum Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15231
(412) 321-0111

Bureau of the Visually and Physically Handicapped
P. O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
(717) 787-3624

The library's collection of talking books, Braille, and large-print books, reel-to-reel tapes and commercial recordings, and periodicals and reference works are available free of charge to eligible visually impaired individuals.

National Federation of the Blind
Suite 212
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 785-2974

Pennsylvania Federation of the Blind
6217 Lebanon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151
(215) 879-0670

The purpose of the N.F.B. is the complete integration of blind people into society as equal members. Activities include public information, advocacy, legal research, and scholarship assistance to blind students.

National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc.
79 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 684-3505

This non-profit, voluntary agency conducts national programs of service, education, and research. Because half of all blindness is preventable, its programs stress early detection and treatment of visual problems, regular examinations, and eye safety procedures. State affiliates provide information services.

Nevil Interagency Referral Service, Inc.
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) MA 7-3501

This agency facilitates services to the blind and visually handicapped in southeastern Pennsylvania. Its activities include counseling; direct referral; supplementing and supporting the work of allied agencies; and disseminating information to the public.

***Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**
2843 North Front Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17119
(717) 234-3261

The P.A.B. works for the prevention of blindness and for the support and promotion of the interests of blind and visually impaired persons. The P.A.B. operates information services; eye safety and vision screening programs for young children; and counseling services for blind children and their families. It also offers support services in education, recreation, and vocational rehabilitation. County offices of the P.A.B. sponsor specific programs.

***Pennsylvania Radio Services for the Visually Impaired**

Special radio services for visually impaired persons are broadcast on closed-circuit FM stations. Special fix-tuned receivers are available on loan from these agencies, as well as information on local programs.

Volunteer Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 627-0600

V.S.B. serves blind, deaf-blind, and visually and physically handicapped children and adults by providing Braille, large-type, and sound recordings. V.S.B. also provides training programs in the use of the Optacon reading machine.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

Local Offices

Armstrong-Indiana Branch
31 South 10th Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701

Beaver County Branch
616 Fourth Street
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania 15010

Bedford Branch
209 West Pitt Street
Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522

Berks County Branch
2020 Hampden Boulevard
Reading, Pennsylvania 19604

Blair-Centre Branch
1912-14 8th Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

Bucks County Branch
Newtown-Langhorne Road
Route 413
Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940

Butler County Branch
208 W. Cunningham Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

Cambria County Branch
211 Central Avenue
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15902

Carbon-Monroe Branch
44 Susquehanna Street
Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania 18229

Chester County Branch
71 S. First Avenue
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320

Delaware County Branch
100-106 W. 15th Street
Chester, Pennsylvania 19013

Erie County Branch
2402 Cherry Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16502

Fayette County Branch
48 Bierer Lane
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

Hazleton Branch
598 Alten Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

Juniata Branch
658 Valley Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044

Lackawanna Branch
228 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

Lancaster County Branch
506 W. Walnut Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

Lawrence County Branch
319 N. Jefferson Street
New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101

Lehigh County Branch
614 N. 13th Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102

Lower Susquehanna Branch
241 Chestnut Street
Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801

Lycoming County Branch
901 Memorial Avenue
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Mercer County Branch
840 N. Hermitage Road
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146

Montgomery County Branch
702-04 W. Marshall Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

Northampton County Branch
129 E. Broad Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Philadelphia Branch
1930 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Pittsburgh Branch
300 S. Craig Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Tri-County Branch
2336 N. Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Venango County Branch
406 W. First Street
Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301

Washington-Greene Branch
254 N. Main Street
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Westmoreland County Branch
306 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Box 1048
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Wilkes Barre Branch
40 W. Northampton Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

York County Branch
800 E. King Street
York, Pennsylvania 17403

Pennsylvania Radio Services for the Visually Impaired

Local Offices

ERIE

The Radio Talking Library
Erie Center for the Blind
2402 Cherry Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16502
(814) 455-0995

HERSHEY

WITF-FM
P. O. Box Z
Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033
(717) 534-3333

INDIANA

WIUP-FM
Davis Hall
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701
(412) 357-2490

LANCASTER

Lancaster County Association for the Blind
506 W. Walnut Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603
(717) 394-7644

PHILADELPHIA

Director, Radio Information Center for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 922-5450

PITTSBURGH

Golden Triangle Radio Information Center
94 N. Bryant Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202
(412) 766-3803

WILKES BARRE

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
Wilkes Barre Branch
40 W. Northampton Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18702
(717) 823-1161

YORK

York County Blind Center
800 E. King Street
York, Pennsylvania 17403
(717) 848-1690

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

The following agencies offer assistance to hearing impaired children and their families.

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Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
International Parents' Organization
3417 Volta Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20007
(202) 337-5220

The Association promotes teaching of speech and speech reading for the hearing impaired. Its affiliated parents' organization serves as a clearinghouse of information and ideas and as a citizens advocacy group.

Better Hearing Institute
1430 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005
(202) 638-7577

The Institute provides public service, consumer education, and information concerning the hearing impaired.

Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf
P. O. Box 894
Columbia, Maryland 21044

The C.O.S.D. is a central clearinghouse and contact point for information about national organizations serving the deaf.

International Association of Parents of the Deaf, Inc.
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(301) 585-5400

I.A.P.D. is an organization for parents of deaf children. Its monthly newsletter publishes information on raising and educating deaf and hearing impaired children. The organization also makes available information and materials for the use of parents.

John Tracy Clinic
806 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90007
(213) 748-5481

The Clinic offers a correspondence course for parents of deaf children.

National Association for Hearing and Speech Action
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(301) 588-5242

N.A.H.S.A. serves the welfare of the deaf and hearing impaired through a program of public information, consumer advocacy, direct assistance to service agencies, and support for prevention of hearing loss.

National Association of the Deaf
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(301) 587-1788

N.A.D. is chiefly a referral agency handling problems of deafness. It promotes the welfare of deaf persons in education, employment, legislation, and communication.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY/ MEDICAL CONDITION

The following agencies offer assistance to physically disabled children or children with specific medical conditions and their families.

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***The Arthritis Foundation**
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y. 10027
(212) 677-5790

Local chapters of the Arthritis Foundation work to increase knowledge and understanding of rheumatic diseases. They operate referral and public information services, and maintain "loan closets" of sickroom equipment.

***Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**
3379 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
(404) 262-1100

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has three regional chapters and six centers in Pennsylvania where parents can obtain information and referrals for their C.F. children. The chapters conduct health information activities and make referrals to local agencies for financial aid.

Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc.
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(212) 889-0300

The Foundation is a voluntary, fund-raising organization which promotes research into this genetic disorder of the autonomic nervous system. It also publishes and disseminates information about the disease to its members and to the public.

***The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults**
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60612
(312) 243-8400

The Easter Seal Society assists disabled persons and their families to locate useful resources and services. It also works to develop community programs and to maximize education, vocational, and recreational opportunities for the disabled. Its direct services include referral and consultation; professional seminars; scholarship and career recruitment programs; and the operation of resident camps.

Epilepsy Foundation of America
1828 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 293-2930

Pennsylvania State Division
1829 North Front Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105
(717) 233-8739

The E.F.A. promotes research and education in epilepsy. It also produces and distributes information on the nature and treatment of the disease, on low-cost drug programs, and on medical, social, and legal developments of concern to epileptics.

Friedrich's Ataxia Group in America, Inc.
P. O. Box 1116
Oakland, California 94611

This group supports research and public education in Friedrich's Ataxia, a genetic disorder of the nervous system. Children and adults with this disorder are eligible for care under the Muscular Dystrophy and Easter Seals service programs.

Muscular Dystrophy Association
810 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
(212) 586-0808

Pennsylvania District Offices-Muscular Dystrophy Association
400 Penn Center Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235
(412) 247-2800

M.D.A. offers a broad range of patient and community services through its national organization and local chapters. These include physical therapy, orthopedic devices, flu shots, transportation, and in some cases, recreation programs. M.D.A. clinics provide full diagnostic, testing, and treatment services through programs funded by the national association.

The National Foundation-The March of Dimes
1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, New York 10605
(914) 428-7100

The March of Dimes operates specialized programs in research, medical services, and public and professional health education for the study and prevention of birth defects. Its publications, available free of charge, are concerned with specific birth defects and prenatal care.

***National Multiple Sclerosis Society**
205 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017
(212) 532-3060

Because the causes of M.S. are unknown, the society's major purpose is to sponsor medical research. Local chapters conduct programs that include occupational therapy; recreational activities; group counseling; loans of essential equipment; and aids and referral.

National Paraplegia Foundation
333 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 346-4779

The Foundation's major objective is to improve and expand rehabilitation and treatment of those suffering from spinal cord injuries. Programs include information distribution, education, and advocacy.

National Tuberous Sclerosis Association
P. O. Box 159
Laguna Beach, California 92652
(714) 494-8900

N.T.S.A. was organized in 1975 to locate and identify victims of tuberous sclerosis; promote genetic research; provide counseling; and share information and resources. Services to members include current bibliographies, a quarterly newsletter, and local referral.

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc.
102 Harold Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

The purposes of O.I.F. are to initiate and support research into this genetic bone disease; and to gather and disseminate current information to patients and their families and to concerned professionals.

***Spina Bifida Association of America**
P. O. Box 5568
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

The primary goal of S.B.A.A. is to serve as a centralized advocacy organization for individuals with spina bifida. S.B.A.A. has several chapters in Pennsylvania which work locally with other organizations aiding the handicapped. S.B.A.A. publishes many information booklets for parents of spina bifida children.

***United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.**
66 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016
(212) 889-6655

U.C.P. is a voluntary nationwide association with both state and local affiliates. At the local level, direct services are provided to children and adults with cerebral palsy and to their families. Services include medical diagnosis, evaluation and treatment; special education; vocational training; social and recreational programs; parent counseling; advocacy; and community education.

The Arthritis Foundation

Local Offices

Central Pennsylvania Chapter
112 Market Street
Suite 207
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 234-2661

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter
311 S. Juniper Street
Suite 1008
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 735-5272

Western Pennsylvania Chapter
6115 Jenkins Arcade
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 566-1645

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Local Offices

Central Pennsylvania Chapter
1718 N. Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102
(717) 234-6852

Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, South N.J. Chapter
1308 Western Savings Bank Building
Broad & Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 732-3185

Western Pennsylvania Chapter
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
223 Fourth Avenue, Room 1712
503 Benedum Tress Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 391-6633

The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults

Regional Offices

The Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Pennsylvania
P. O. Box 497
R. D. #1, Fulling Mill Road
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057
(717) 939-7801

Local Offices

Adams County
16 East Middle Street
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325
(717) 334-8331

Allegheny County
110 7th Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 281-7244

Armstrong County
910 4th Avenue
Ford City, Pennsylvania 16226
(412) 763-2881

Beaver County
Dutch Ridge Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009
(412) 774-6494

Bedford County
P. O. Box 223
Court House Annex 1
Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522
(814) 623-8339

Berks County
Brookline Plaza & Liggett Avenue
Box 76
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603
(215) 775-1431

Blair County
501 Valley View Boulevard
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602
(814) 944-5014

Bradford County
301 York Avenue
Towanda, Pennsylvania 18848
(717) 265-6373

Bucks County
2400 Trenton Road
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19056
(215) 945-1730

Butler County
Veterans Hospital
Building 69
P. O. Box 3
New Castle Road
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
(412) 283-1010

Cambria County
P. O. Box 404
232 Walnut Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15907
(814) 535-5508

Central Pennsylvania Society
Danville State Hospital
Edgewood Annex Building
R. D. #5
Box 84
Danville, Pennsylvania 17821
(717) 275-5502

Centre County
1300 S. Allen Street
State College, Pennsylvania 16801
(814) 238-4434

Chester County
56 W. Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335
(215) 262-4191

Clearfield County
Clear Haven Nursing Home
P. O. Box 462
Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830
(814) 765-4459

Crawford County
P. O. Box 193
657 Pine Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
(814) 332-6244

Delaware County
371 Baltimore Pike
Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064
(215) 328-1900

Elk County
Johnsonburg Road
Route 255
P. O. Box 422
St. Mary's, Pennsylvania 15857
(814) 834-2535

Erie County
101 E. Sixth Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507
(814) 459-2755

Fayette County
141 Oakland Avenue
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401
(412) 437-4047

Franklin County
34 Roadside Avenue
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania 17268
(717) 762-5315

Fulton County
Decker Nursing Home
Citco Road
McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania 17233
(717) 485-3482

Huntingdon County
510 Penn Street
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania 16652
(814) 643-5724

Jefferson County
103 North Gilpin Street
P. O. Box 132
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania 15767
(814) 938-6750

Juniata County
Box 125, R. D. #1
Port Royal, Pennsylvania 17082
(717) 527-4561

Lancaster County
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
(717) 393-0425

Lawrence County
2715 Ellwood Road
New Castle. Pennsylvania 16101
(412) 658-4539

Lebanon County
618 Cornwall Road
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042
(717) 273-7351

Lehigh County
2200 Industrial Drive
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017
(215) 866-8092

Luzerne County
Siller Drive & S. Poplar Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201
(717) 455-4958

Luzerne County
71 N. Franklin Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
(717) 829-2453

McKean County
407 Odd Fellows Building
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701
(814) 362-4621

Mercer County
900 N. Hermitage Road
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
(412) 342-3738

Mifflin County
401 Yale Avenue
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044
(717) 248-6261

Monroe County
2020 Laurel Street
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360
(717) 421-1254

Montgomery County
837 Sumneytown Pike
Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446
(215) 699-7538

Northeastern
R. D. #1
Olyphant, Pennsylvania 18447
(717) 489-8691

Philadelphia County
59th & Woodbine Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131
(215) 879-8800

Pike County
Milford, Pennsylvania 18337
(717) 296-7053

Potter County
R. D. #2
Ulysses, Pennsylvania 16948
(814) 435-6664

Schuylkill County
127 S. Center Street
Frackville, Pennsylvania 17931
(717) 874-0862

Somerset County
Scull Building, Room 228
114 N. Center Street
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501
(814) 445-4834

Tri-County Society
2930 Derry Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111
(717) 564-6500

Venango County
Venango Human Services Center, Inc.
P. O. Box 231
Route 322 East
Franklin, Pennsylvania 16323
(814) 437-6821

Warren County
Court House
P. O. Box 966
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365
(814) 723-5730

Washington County
1415 Jefferson Avenue
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
(412) 225-2226

Westmoreland County
Mellon National Bank Building
Room 410
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068
(412) 335-7117

York County
2201 S. Queen Street
York, Pennsylvania 17402
(717) 741-3891

National Multiple Scerosis Society

Regional Offices

Eastern Pennsylvania Office
2000 Market Street
Suite 1408
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
(215) 963-0100

Central Pennsylvania Office
81 N. Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109
(717) 652-2108

Western Pennsylvania Office
531 Frick Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
(412) 261-6347

Local Offices

Allentown
9 S. 12th Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102
(215) 821-8360

Lancaster
6 N. Prince Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603
(717) 397-1481

Reading
230 N. 5th Street
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
(215) 376-6566

Wilkes Barre
67 Public Square
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
(717) 825-7535

Williamsport
151 W. 4th Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
(717) 326-3681

Spina Bifida Association of America

Local Offices

Cambria County Spina Bifida Association
Mrs. Mary Ann Plummer
State Health Nurse
120 South Center Street
Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931

Spina Bifida Association of Central Pennsylvania
Mrs. Betsy Morrison
R. D. #6
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201

Mr. Lawrence Evans
R. D. #1, Box 308
Monongahela, Pennsylvania 15063

Spina Bifida Association of Delaware Valley
P. O. Box 116
Lenni, Pennsylvania 19052

United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.

Regional Offices

United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania
1719 North Front Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102
(717) 234-2981 / 234-2952

Local Offices

Beaver, Butler & Lawrence Counties
110 W. Wayne Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
(412) 285-1641

Capital Area
15 S. 30th Street
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011
(717) 737-3477

Central Pennsylvania
44 Valley Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044
(717) 242-1491

Columbia & Montour Counties
11 Hillside Estates
R. D. #5
Danville, Pennsylvania 17821

Crawford, Venango, Clarion & Mercer Counties
281 North Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
(814) 336-4157

Delaware County
4111 Bethel Road
P. O. Box 605
Boothwyn, Pennsylvania 19062
(215) 485-5821

Lackawanna County
230 Lackawanna Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
(717) 347-3357

Lancaster County
226 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603
(717) 397-1841

Lebanon County
Box 611, 746 Locust Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042
(717) 273-9261

Lehigh Valley
3144 Linden Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017
(215) 691-6661

North Central Pennsylvania
400 Taylor Avenue
Falls Creek, Pennsylvania 15840
(814) 371-3571

Northwestern Pennsylvania
2230 Broad Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16503
(814) 456-9785

Philadelphia & Vicinity
4700 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144
(215) 842-0500

Pittsburgh District
House Building
4 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(412) 261-5831

Reading & Berks County
c/o Elks Lodge
46 S. 5th Street
Reading, Pennsylvania 19602
(215) 372-3052

Schuylkill, Carbon & Northumberland Counties
210 South Centre Street
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901
(717) 622-7920

Southern Alleghenies Region
616 Somerset Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901
(814) 535-7708

Southwestern Pennsylvania
289 E. Beau Street
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
(412) 225-8145

Western Pennsylvania
Box 75
Spring Church, Pennsylvania 15686
(412) 472-0341

Wyoming Valley
159 Simpson Street
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18702
(717) 829-2613

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State Services for Handicapped Children

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Education
Box 911
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126

Through its Intermediate Units, the Pennsylvania Department of Education can assist parents in obtaining special education services for their handicapped children. Parents should contact their Intermediate Unit directly. A list of the Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania follows.

If you have questions or problems that cannot be answered locally, you can contact the Department of Education. Important phone numbers for you to note are:

Bureau of Special and Compensatory Education ..... (717) 783-1264

Right to Education Office ..... (717) 787-9880

Coordination and Outreach Network for the Needs of Exceptional Children Today (CONNECT)
1-A North Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109
(717) 783-3238

Information Service HOT LINE (717) 657-0000
(Collect calls accepted)

The CONNECT Information Service provides general information, referrals to local programs, and right to education information to parents or guardians of handicapped children. The Information Service can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the HOT LINE number. Collect calls will be accepted. An Ansafone machine will take calls after regular working hours.

Intermediate Units

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Harry J. Brownfield, Ex. Dir.
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California, Pa. 15419
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Pittsburgh-Mt. Oliver 2
Dr. Jerry C. Olson, Ex. Dir.
341 S. Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213
(412) 622-3500

Allegheny 3
Dr. Harold E. Oyer, Ex. Dir.
2 Allegheny Center, Suite 1300
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212
(412) 321-5700

Midwestern 4
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Maple Street
Grove City, Pa. 16127
(412) 458-6700

Northwest Tri-County 5
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252 Waterford Street
Edinboro, Pa. 16412
(814) 734-5610

Clarion Manor 6
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Clarion, Pa. 16214
(814) 782-3011

Westmoreland 7
Gerald R. Orr, Ex. Dir.
15 West Third Street
Greensburg, Pa. 15601
(412) 836-0351

Appalachia 8
George E. Kensinger, Ex. Dir.
119 Park Street
Ebensburg, Pa. 15931
(814) 472-7690

Seneca Highlands 9
Dr. Frank A. Rackish, Ex. Dir.
119 Mechanic Street
Smethport, Pa. 16749
(814) 887-5512

Central 10
Edward B. Reighard, Ex. Dir.
R. D. 1 Radio Park
Philipsburg, Pa. 16866
(814) 342-0884

Tuscarora 11
Roy D. Wilson, Ex. Dir.
R. D. 1, Box 70-A
McVeytown, Pa. 17051
(814) 542-2501

Lincoln 12
Dr. Irvin Karam, Ex. Dir.
P. O. Box 70
New Oxford, Pa. 17350
(717) 624-4616

Lancaster-Lebanon 13
Dr. L. Lloyd Ruoss, Ex. Dir.
1110 Enterprise Road
East Petersburg, Pa. 17520
(717) 569-7331

Berks County 14
Dr. Daniel A. Rohrbach, Ex. Dir.
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Antietam Shopping Center
Reading, Pa. 19606
(215) 779-1551

Capital Area 15
Dr. Bruce Conner, Ex. Dir.
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Lemoyne, Pa. 17043
(717) 761-5230

Central Susquehanna 16
Dr. Patrick F. Toole, Ex. Dir.
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(717) 524-4431

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Williamsport, Pa. 17701
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Luzerne 18
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Kingston, Pa. 18704
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Northeastern Educational 19
Dr. P. M. Mensky, Ex. Dir.
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Scranton, Pa. 18503
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Colonial Northampton 20
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Coatesville, Pa. 19320
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State Bldg., 6th & Olive Sts.
Media, Pa. 19063
(215) 565-4880

Philadelphia 26
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Adm. Bldg., Parkway at 21st
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
(215) 299-7823

Beaver Valley 27
John P. Milanovich, Ex. Dir.
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Monaca, Pa. 15061
(412) 774-7800

Arin 28
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Pottsville, Pa. 17901
(717) 622-3350

A Helping Hand

A Directory of Child Advocacy Groups for Handicapped Children

It is important to all of us to know that there is someone we can depend on for help when we need it. Sometimes we need practical help, as when we rely on an attorney to defend our legal rights and protect our interests in court. Sometimes we need emotional help, as when we turn to a friend for sympathy and understanding.

A handicapped child has special needs. In many ways, he needs the help of other people even more than the rest of us do. Like all children, a handicapped child needs at least one caring adult to help him develop while he is very young. But, unlike other children, the handicapped child is likely to need a great deal of continued support as he grows older. Even as an adult, there are situations he may not be able to handle on his own, and he needs the commitment of someone else who is willing to help.

There are individuals and groups dedicated to providing this kind of help to the handicapped. They are called "advocates." By definition, an advocate is a capable volunteer who becomes personally involved in the life of a handicapped child (or adult) to defend his rights and provide him with practical and emotional support, so that he can live a fuller and more satisfying life.

Of course you, as parents of a handicapped child, serve as your child's advocate from the time of his birth. You have the responsibility of looking after his practical needs and providing him with affection and support. As he grows older, his needs change, and you may find that you are unable to help in every situation. Your child's advocate can help him with daily living skills, such as using public transportation, shopping, enjoying leisure activities, and learning appropriate social behavior. If your handicapped child is living in an institutional setting, an advocate can provide him with additional practical and emotional support.

This is a directory of child advocacy groups both in the state of Pennsylvania and nationally. Each listing will tell you the name of the group, its address, and telephone number. Many of these groups can provide individual advocates for you and your child on an ongoing basis; others can provide assistance for specific legal or educational problems you may encounter. Feel free to contact any of these agencies – they have all been established to help your child, and to provide him with the personal involvement and support he will need.

CHILD ADVOCACY GROUPS: PENNSYLVANIA

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Citizen Advocacy Program
Centre County Association for Retarded Citizens
215 W. Fairmount Avenue, Suite 209
State College, Pennsylvania 16801
(814) 238-1444

Erie Association for Retarded Citizens
1140 E. Lake Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507
(814) 452-4865

Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens
11 North State Street
North Warren, Pennsylvania 16365
(814) 723-8531

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

American Friends Service Committee
112 S. 16th Street
American Patriot Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102
(215) 241-7254

Bucks County Association for Retarded Children
573 North Main Street
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901
(215) 348-3534

Child Advocacy Project
Philadelphia Urban League
4089 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104
(215) 387-2801

Children's Bureau
HEW Office of Child Development
Box 13716
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101
(215) 596-6763

Education Law Center
2100 Lewis Tower Building
225 S. 15th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102
(215) 732-6655

Public Interest Law Center
1315 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 735-7200

Public Issues Committee of Episcopal Community Services
225 South Third St.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
(215) 925-8110

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth Child Development Committee
700 State Street Building
Third & State Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101
(717) 787-3489

Cumberland County Citizen Program
P. O. Box 386
15 West High Street
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
(717) 249-2611

Family Advocacy
Family and Children's Service
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
(717) 397-5241

First Methodist Church
Church Street at Warren
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657

Institute for Research and Development in Retardation, Inc.
1500 N. Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102
(717) 234-2621

Lancaster County Association for Retarded Citizens
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
(717) 394-5251

Pennsylvania Fellowship Plan
136 Catawissa Avenue
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
(717) 326-6997

United Cerebral Palsy of Lackawanna
230 Lackawanna Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
(717) 347-3357

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny Children and Youth Service Council
4th Floor, Allegheny General Hospital
319 Hemlock Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212
(412) 321-5343

Children's Lobby of Western Pennsylvania
4401 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213
(412) 621-0629

Citizen Advocacy Program
R. D. #6
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201

Community Coordinated Child Care Association
Allegheny Building, 613
429 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
(412) 288-0414

CHILD ADVOCACY GROUPS: NATIONAL

The Center on Human Policy
216 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210

Citizen's Committee for Children
2 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 725-7940

Children's Defense Fund
1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 483-1470

Committee for the Handicapped
The People-to-People Program
Suite 610, LaSalle Building
Connecticut Avenue & L Street
Washington, D. C. 20036
(202) 223-4450

Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children
407 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 939-3513

National Center for Child Advocacy
Box 1182
Washington, D. C. 20013
(202) 755-7747

National Center for Law and the Handicapped
1235 N. Eddy Street
South Bend, Indiana 46617
(219) 288-4751

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation
15 W. 16th Street
Washington, D. C. 20007
(202) 338-7444

Dollars and Sense

Sources of Direct Financial Assistance to Parents of Handicapped Children in Pennsylvania

Introduction

The costs of providing your handicapped child with the special treatment and care he needs can be a problem. Fortunately, some provisions have been made by the federal government to help defray some of these costs. This section describes the ways in which you can take advantage of such federal financial assistance programs. Also, there are some agencies and organizations that provide financial help to the handicapped. This section can guide you to such sources of financial assistance.

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Federal Financial Assistance

Social Security

For parents of handicapped children, the Social Security Disability Program has special importance. Social Security can mean additional income to provide for a handicapped child when a working parent retires, becomes disables, or dies.

There are two types of disability payments for which handicapped children may be eligible:

1. **Disabled worker benefits** provide monthly checks for workers under age 65 who become disabled after having worked long enough and recently enough in jobs covered by Social Security.
2. **Childhood disability benefits** provide monthly checks to adults who become disabled before age 18. If your child's condition is so severe that he can't do substantial gainful work, he is considered disabled for Social Security purposes. In some cases, your child may be eligible for benefits even if he does manage to do a little work.

Parents of handicapped children should make every effort to secure Social Security coverage and protection for themselves and their families. If the worker is insured and eligible for old age or disability benefits, a dependent child who becomes disabled before age 18 could receive up to 50% of the worker's benefit. Your child needs no work credit of his own and payments will continue for as long as the child is disabled and there is no change in the parents' entitlement.

The child's mother can also get monthly benefits if she is caring for him. She is not eligible, however, if the child is in an institution or in another person's care. The mother is not eligible if the child is getting benefits on the basis of his or her own work.

If your child does some work – for example, in a sheltered workshop – he is probably getting Social Security credit for his earnings. Once your child accumulates enough credit for work under Social Security, he could get disability benefits on his own earnings record. He could receive these payments whether or not you, the parent, get benefits. Because the monthly payment is based on a person's average earnings, however, the chances are your child's payment would probably be close to the Social Security minimum. If you, the parent, should become eligible in the future, your child may get higher payments on the basis of your Social Security record.

Applications for Social Security disability benefits are available at your local Social Security office.

Medicare

After a person has been entitled to disability benefits for 24 consecutive months, he is eligible for Medicare protection. Full information is mailed to each person shortly before he becomes eligible for this protection.

Supplemental Security Income

There is another program run by Social Security that provides payments to disabled people, as well as to people who are blind or who are 65 or older, who have limited income and don't own property or other assets that can be turned into cash. This program is the Supplemental Security Income Program. Although this program is run by the Social Security Administration, payments are financed from general revenues, not from Social Security contributions.

A person needs no credit for work under Social Security to get Supplemental Security Income payments. These payments are based on financial need.

Under this program, even a child under 18 may be considered disabled for the purposes of payment. However, until the child reaches 18 (or 21, if he is still in school), the parents' income and assets are considered in determining the child's eligibility. After the child reaches 18 (or 21), he is considered to be an adult, and only his own income and assets are considered.

If you would like more information about Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income, call any Social Security office. You can find the number in the telephone book under "Social Security Administration."

Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled

For families with little or no financial resources, no appreciable Social Security coverage, or for disabled persons with no family, there are possibilities for financing long-term care through Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. This aid is based in the Welfare Amendments of the Social Security Act.

Under this program, adults over the age of 18 who have a disability that is permanent and total and who are needy (total assets not more than $300, earnings not more than $50 a month) can qualify. These funds can be used for long-term care in the individual's own home, foster home, nursing home, etc. Aid is granted in three ways:

1. Monthly payments for food, shelter, and lodging.
2. Payments made on behalf of the individual for medical care and appliances.
3. Social services help and protective supervision.

Payments will vary depending on the type of residential placement. Even when the amounts paid are small (for example, to those living in their own homes), these individuals qualify for payments for medical care, appliances, etc. Persons who qualify for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled are automatically eligible for Medicaid. This becomes important to the severely disabled and their families because often such individuals cannot get private health or hospital coverage.

For further information on this program, you can contact your local Welfare Administration Office.

Veterans' Benefits

Financial assistance is available to "helpless" children of deceased veterans. For such children between the ages of 14 and 23, funds are available for training or for restorative treatment in a program approved by the Veterans' Administration. The benefits for these children continue for as long as the condition exists and financial assistance is needed, or until they marry. Benefits are determined on the basis of need. These monies may not be used for support funds in a state institution.

For further information on this program, you may contact your nearest Veterans' Administration Office.

Income Tax Deductions and Credits[1]

There are several special tax deductions you can take advantage of to defray some of the costs of caring for your handicapped child. In order to claim these deductions, you must itemize all deductible expenses, using Form 1040 to file your income tax return.

There are two rules for avoiding difficulties with the deductions you claim. First, keep careful records throughout the year of all deductible expenses. It is helpful to keep these records together in a single notebook. Second, always have documents to prove that your child's medical and professional care is a legitimate expense. You should request that your child's doctors prepare notes or letters describing your child's handicapping condition and his need for special treatment.

[1] adapted from Facts you should know about tax deductions for your handicapped child, Co-ordinating Council for Handicapped Children, Chicago, Illinois.

If you have any questions about how to fill out your income tax forms, do not hesitate to contact a tax consultant or your local office of the Internal Revenue Service.

The following is a description of specific deductions you may claim, as parents of a handicapped child.

• **According to Pennsylvania law, all handicapped children are entitled to a free, public education. If you choose to send your handicapped child to a special school or institution which alleviates his handicapping condition, you may deduct the following as medical expenses:**

1. tuition costs.
2. cost of room and board.
3. cost of sheltered workshop. (Revenue Ruling 58-280; Section 213-1 (e) Internal Revenue Code 1954).
4. cost of halfway house or nusing home (Revenue Ruling 69-499, 1969-2 CB 39).

• **If your handicapped child attends a sheltered workshop, you may deduct the following as medical expenses:**

1. the cost of the workshop, if its primary purpose is to alleviate his handicapping condition (Letter from Mortimer M. Caplin, U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue to Dr. Stafford L. Warren, Special Assistant to the President for Mental Retardation; July 6, 1964).

• **If your handicapped child lives at home, you may deduct the following as medical expenses:**

1. the cost of a special school, if its principal purpose is to alleviate his handicapping condition.
2. the cost of a special class in a regular school, if its principal purpose is to alleviate his handicapping condition (Revenue Ruling 70-285).
3. the cost of a special class in a parochial school, if its principal purpose is to alleviate his handicapping condition (Revenue Ruling 71-347).
4. the cost of tests and evaluations.
5. the cost of therapy and psychiatric care.
6. the cost of special instruction or training, such as lip reading, speech instruction, or Braille training ((Revenue Ruling 68-712, Internal Revenue Code, Regulation Section 1-213-1 (e) (1) (v) (a)).
7. the cost of medicines, drugs, vitamins, and any special foods or beverages prescribed by your child's doctor.
8. all medical expenses, even if your handicapped child has earned more than $750 annual income (Commerce Clearing House Explanation #2019-01).

• **If you incur transportation costs (plane, train, bus, or taxi fare) with your handicapped child, you may deduct the following as medical expenses:**

1. the cost of transportation to and from special schools and institutions.
2. the cost of transportation to and from hospitals.
3. the cost of transportation to and from doctors' offices (R. T. Olson 23 TCM- 2008, Commerce Clearing House Explanation #2019-793).
4. the cost of hiring a person to accompany your handicapped child to and from the above places if he cannot travel alone (Revenue Ruling 58-110).
5. the cost of providing such transportation using your own car, at the rate of 7¢ per mile plus parking and toll fees (Revenue Proceedings 74-24, C.B. 1970-2, 505).

- **If you visit your handicapped child at a special school or institution because a medical doctor deems your visit a necessary part of your child's treatment, you may deduct the following as medical expenses:**

  1. the cost of transportation to and from the special school or institution, but not the cost of meals and lodging (Revenue Ruling 58-5 33).

- **If you are divorced, widowed, or the spouse of a disabled person, and you are gainfully employed, you may claim a tax credit for child care expenses for your handicapped child. The maximum credit for employment-related child care expenses is $400 for one qualifying child; it is $800 for two or more. The credit replaces the former itemized deduction for child and dependent care expenses.**

- **If you are the parent of a handicapped child, you may also claim the following special deductions:**

  1. one-half of medical insurance premiums, up to $150 (Internal Revenue Code, Section 213 (a), Social Security Amendments Act 1965 PL 89-97).
  2. the cost of buying and installing special equipment to alleviate your child's handicapping condition (such as elevators for heart cases, air conditioning for asthma cases, hearing aids, guide dogs, crutches, wheelchairs, special telephone equipment, special equipment installed in automobiles), if such equipment is deemed necessary by your child's doctors ((Revenue Ruling 59-411, 1959-2 (B 100)).
  3. legal fees directly related to your handicapped child's medical care and/or disability ((Internal Revenue Code, Section 213 (e)).

- **Please note:**

  1. **All deductions must exceed 3% of your total income ((Internal Revenue Code, Section 213 (a) (1)).**
  2. **All deductions are allowed regardless of your handicapped child's age.**
  3. **You are allowed the full standard deduction for a dependent ($750) whether or not your handicapped child attends a special school or institution (Revenue Rulings 61-186, 1961 2 CB & 64-221, 1964-2CB46).**
  4. **If you are eligible for any of the above deductions but have not filed for them previously, you may file an amended tax return, retroactive for the past three years.**

- **For additional information, you can refer to the following Internal Revenue Service Publication, available from your local IRS Office:**

  #502 – "Deduction for Medical and Dental Expenses."

Other Sources of Financial Assistance

In addition to the financial assistance available through federal programs, there are some agencies and organizations that provide direct financial aid. As the parent of a handicapped child, you may be required by special circumstances to purchase expensive services or appliances for your child. Private foundations, corporations, non-profit funders, labor unions, religious groups, and parent organizations can often respond to individual requests for assistance. You can locate many such agencies listed under "Social Services" in the Yellow Pages of your local telephone directory. In outlining your request, you should be specific about the type of handicapping condition your child has and about your own financial needs. Such information can help the agency determine if it can help you directly or should refer you to another agency or organization.

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